



## Long Term Care Coordinating Council

Regular Meeting  
February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
2:30 p.m.  
Rhode Island Quality Institute  
50 Holden St. Suite 300  
Providence, RI 02903

### Meeting minutes

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#### **1. Welcome**

Lt. Governor Roberts called the meeting to order.

#### **2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup> were approved.

#### **3. Budget and 1115 Waiver Review**

*Elena Nicolla, Director of Policy and Innovation at DHS/EOHHS*

##### Budget items of interest

Community First Choice Program is a federal opportunity that would give enhanced federal match for community-based services. It would require the state to facilitate access to the community-based resources. It would receive a 6% federal match that cannot be used to displace general revenue funding, but would be able to be used for additional services. There are efforts in place to keep the number of people using those resources stable to ensure that there is no depletion of services and resources.

There was a cut related to the reduction of the adult payment rates. The rationale was to reduce the number of inappropriate utilizations. There is concerted effort to look into investing more money in behavioral health, one of the biggest cost drivers in Rhode Island.

There was also a budget proposal around the payments for durable medical equipment. EOHHS is determining whether pricing is standard across different products.

There was a question about whether the budget would impact the plans offered through the Integrated Care Initiative. Elena stated that the contract between the plans offered through NHP and 4CP is fixed for a year. The budget would not change what the regs are and what the capitation rate is. There are not changes in the current contracts.

#### Medicaid 1115 Waiver

In January 2013, EOHHS began the process of receiving approval from its state partners to extend the 1115 waiver. There was a public comment period, but in March 2013, the federal entities stated that EOHHS had not conducted broad enough community engagement.

There were changes made to the document and it was submitted in July. The global cap would not have impact on the state's ability to spend money and the state would still drive the ability to spend general revenue.

There is currently a cut for the Rlticare parents, but the 1115 request had outlined some federal financing to help the parents purchase health plans.

#### **4. Legislative Review**

The deadline for filing bills is coming close.

*Please see legislative attachment for more details.*

Virginia Burke stated that a bill is underway for managed care protections to ensure that LTCSS is preserved. She also stated that eligibility determinations made by the department of health are taking more than thirty days and the facilities are not able to collect the money and payments for people who are ultimately denied coverage.

Jim Nyberg stated that there is a bill that has been introduced to reserve more handicapped spaces in senior facilities. There are currently many regulations in place regarding handicapped spaces and the space limitations of handicapped spots would require the expansion of most current lots.

#### **5. Nursing Homes Update**

Ray Rusin, Office of Facilities Regulation

11 standard surveys were conducted this month. Charlesgate is the only nursing home currently being monitored.

#### **6. Alzheimer's Update**

There will be an Alzheimer's Full Commission meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup>. More updates will be given there. Lt. Governor Roberts and Sadie DeCourcy were able to attend the national Alzheimer's Association conference in New Orleans in February to discuss the implementation of the state plan.

#### **7. Integrated Care Initiative Update**

Holly Garvey, Medical Services Manager at EOHHS/XEROX  
*Enrollment update available upon request.*

There was a question about whether the ICI case managers are notified when their consumers are admitted into the hospital. Currently, they are not directly informed. However, the case managers have the historical information for the clients and can predict who would be higher risk. Eventually, there will be a way to allow case managers to see.

As for the new enrollees, there have been over 29,000 letters mailed out and there have been around 700 bad addresses. The eligible consumers whose mail was returned were not auto-enrolled into the programs.

For those wishing to opt-out of ICI services, they are to call the contact center's number. The contact center is not allowed to ask why a person does not want to enroll into managed care.

#### **8. LGBT Elder Care Subcommittee Introduction**

Lt. Governor Roberts stated that there will be a meeting for the LGBT Elder Care subcommittee on March 5<sup>th</sup> from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Department of Administration, Conference Room C.

#### **9. Public Comment**

#### **10. Next meeting, Wednesday, March 12 from 10-11:30 a.m. at Child and Family Services (1268 Eddy St. Providence)**